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For : OPTICAL DATA RECORDING MEDIUM AND MATERIAL FOR  
HEAT-RESISTANT PROTECTION LAYER FOR THE SAME1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10036

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES,  
AND  
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002, applicant elects the species comprising nitrides, to which claims 11-13 are directed.

**In the Claims:**

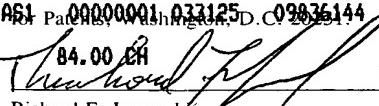
Please add claim 16 as follows:

16. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:  
a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg  
when in a bulk state, said compound comprising one or more of the compounds selected from the  
group consisting of:

zinc oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 3% to 50% zinc oxide,

titanium oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 10% to 98% titanium oxide,

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